

## **Guilderland TowNews- Vol. '09, No. 1**

### **Household Hazardous Waste Disposal**

**Guilderland continues to encourage public safety and environmental awareness by again offering residents the opportunity to dispose of potentially hazardous materials and used electronic components that they may have in their homes.**

**Electronics Collection Day is a collaborative endeavor involving Albany County municipalities. It will be held from 7:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 25 in the parking lot of Taft Furniture, 1960 Central Avenue in Colonie. This popular event allows participants to dispose of computer equipment, telephones, and non-console televisions. Plan an early arrival to reduce waiting time!**



**The Town's Spring Household Hazardous Waste Day (another event is scheduled for September) will be held on Saturday, May 16 from 8:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. at the Town Highway Garage, 6363 French's Mill Road. This event allows people to clean out attics, basements, garages and sheds, and bring items in for proper disposal/recycling. Just place materials in appropriate containers and drive to the event site. Town employees will unload your vehicle and assure the safe disposal of its contents.**

**To participate in either event, you must display a Guilderland resident sticker (available without charge when you present your**

**vehicle registration at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours), and a coupon for the event (available during business hours upon presentation of your vehicle registration at the Town Clerk's office or at the Guilderland Transfer Station). These events are once again funded in part through a grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.**

**We can accept the following for processing: paints, thinners, and solvents; cleaning products; all types of batteries; pool and hobby chemicals; gasoline, kerosene, and automotive fluids; pesticides, herbicides, and insecticides; fluorescent bulbs; and double-bagged asbestos.**

**We cannot take: explosives; compressed gases; medical waste; fireworks; radioactive waste; toxic materials; and commercial waste.**

### **Summer Recreation Program**



**The brochure describing the Guilderland Summer Recreation Program should be in your mail at around the time you see this newsletter. The recreational, enrichment and sports offerings that make up the program have, for over 20 years, offered a range of summer opportunities to local children and families. Programming ranges from a half-day day camp to basic and advanced instruction in drama, music, swimming, crafts, and a wide range of sports, all offered at very reasonable prices to Guilderland residents.**

**Please review your information carefully and make your plans promptly. The Guilderland program is very popular, and many of the offerings are filled to capacity early. The 2009 day camp will begin on June 29.**

**You can find more information about the programs on the Town website, [www.townofguilderland.com](http://www.townofguilderland.com), or by calling 456-3150. On-line registration for summer programs will be available beginning on April 1 at [www.guilderlandrec.com](http://www.guilderlandrec.com) .**

### **Western Turnpike Golf Course**

**Area golfers are checking their equipment and watching the weather forecast, anticipating opening day at Guilderland’s Western Turnpike Golf Course. The maintenance staff is hard at work getting the course ready for the spring season. Please check the Town website, [www.townofguilderland.org](http://www.townofguilderland.org), or call the Pro Shop at 456-0786 for an update on course opening or to book a tee time.**

**The Town has worked to maintain and upgrade the course since Western Turnpike was acquired in 2003, while keeping prices reasonable, particularly for Guilderland residents. “Guilderland’s Friendly Place to Play” offers 27 interesting and varied holes, a well-stocked Pro Shop with lessons available from P.G.A.-certified instructors, and Mallozzi’s Clubhouse, operated by the renowned local restaurant family and available for a variety of special events. Season memberships are still available, offering significant discounts and tee time reservation preference for frequent golfers. Contact the Pro Shop for details.**



**2009 daily greens fees are:**

**Non-residents- \$28 for 18 holes weekdays (\$24 for seniors 62+, \$22 for juniors 18 or younger, \$16 for 9 holes); \$30 weekends (\$25 for seniors, \$22 for juniors, \$17 for 9 holes)**

**Residents- \$22 for 18 holes any day (\$20 for seniors or juniors, \$12 for 9 holes)**

**Call the Pro Shop at 456-0786 for further information or to reserve a tee time.**

### **Bridge and Trail Update**

**The visitor experience at Tawasentha Park has been enhanced by the new pedestrian bridge across the Normanskill. The bridge is accessible from parking areas in Tawasentha Park and in the Winter Recreation Area.**



**The addition of the footbridge has brought an increase in traffic on the trail network in the parks. With almost five miles of marked trails available to them, park visitors will have an opportunity to experience multiple types of terrain and vegetation, as well as several scenic vistas of “The Vale of the Normanskill” and surrounding areas. On April 18 and 25, volunteers from local Boy Scout troops will be working through the network to clear seasonal debris and make the trails more enjoyable for family recreation. Their community service is much appreciated.**

### **Gardening News**

**The Guilderland Water Department is again participating in a program that allows residents to obtain 55-gallon rain barrels made by the New England Rain Barrel Company from recycled plastic at the discounted price of \$75.95 (the regular price is \$119.95). The barrels come with one hose connection for watering, a second connection and a 5-foot hose for overflow. Barrels can also be connected to increase capacity. The use of rain barrels conserves municipal water and helps**



**to reduce pollution from storm-water runoff. Orders for barrels must be placed by May 22; barrels can be picked up at the Guilderland Highway Garage on French's Mill Road on Sunday, May 30, from noon until 3:00 P.M. Place orders on-line at [www.nerainbarrel.com](http://www.nerainbarrel.com) or by phone at (877) 977-3135.**

**Guilderland's Community Environment Department is working with Cornell Cooperative Extension to provide convenient access to soil testing for Guilderland residents. Bring your soil samples to the Town's Parks Department offices at 181 Route 146 (the former Inga Barth site) from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on Friday, April 24 or 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon on Saturday, April 25. Free Balsam Fir seedlings will also be available on that date. Please call 456-3150 for more information.**

**There will also be a FREE workshop on "The Basics of Rain Gardening" jointly presented by the Town of Guilderland and Cornell Cooperative Extension at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, April 25 at the Parks Department Office at 181 Route 146 (across from Tawasentha Park). Please call 456-3150 with questions or to register.**

### **Community Calendar**

**April 18 and April 25- Trails Cleanup Days, Tawasentha Park**

**April 24 and 25- Soil Testing, Parks Department Headquarters**

**April 25- Rain Garden Workshop, Parks Department Headquarters**

**April 25- Electronics Collection Day, 1960 Central Avenue, Colonie**

**May 16- Household Hazardous Waste Day, Highway Dept. Garage**

**May 16- Open House, Richard Murray Animal Shelter**

**May 19- School Budget Vote/School Board Election**

**May 25- Memorial Day- Town Offices Closed**